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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Steven LEIGH et al.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In the interest of compact prosecution, please amend the present application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 to 11 without prejudice to the subject matter thereof and add the following claims in their place:

12. (New) A composition in the form of a dry powder and which comprises:
a) at least one membrane lipid, and
b) at least one biologically active compound that is a carboxylic acid,
and which forms structured lipid assemblies when dispersed/dissolved in an aqueous medium.

13. (New) The composition as claimed in claim 12, wherein said membrane lipid comprises a phospholipid or mixture of phospholipids.

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